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IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): In combination, a plurality of disks including a first disk and a second disk stacked upon said first disk, and a powder disposed between said first disk and said second disk, said powder facilitating removal of said first disk from said second disk, and protecting said first disk and said second disk from scratches, and serving to cushion said first disk and said second disk to protect said disks from impact damage, when said second disk is stacked upon said first disk,

wherein said first disk and said second disk are each comprised of one of a glass and glass ceramic;

wherein only said powder spaces said first disk from said second disk; and

wherein said powder has a grain size larger than a micron in size and is comprised of an inorganic material.

Claims 2-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): The combination recited in claim [[4]] 1, wherein said inorganic material is calcium carbonate.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The combination recited in claim [[4]] 1, wherein said inorganic material is selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium magnesium carbonate, calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium borate, magnesium oxide, magnesium phosphate, and clay.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The combination recited in claim [[4]] 1, wherein said powder is a mineral powder.

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Claim 8 (previously presented): The combination recited in claim 1, wherein said powder has a grain size greater than about 150 mesh.

Claims 9-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (previously presented): In combination, a plurality of disks including a first disk and a second disk stacked upon said first disk, and a plurality of fine, loose particles constituting a powder disposed between said first disk and said second disk, said plurality of fine, loose particles facilitating removal of said first disk from said second disk, and protecting said first disk and said second disk from scratches, and serving to cushion said first disk and said second disk to protect said disks from impact damage, when said second disk is stacked upon said first disk,

wherein said first disk and said second disk are each comprised of one of a glass and glass ceramic; and

wherein said first disk is spaced apart from said second disk by only said fine, loose particles; and

wherein said particles have a grain size larger than a micron and are comprised of an inorganic material.

Claim 22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (previously presented): The combination recited in claim 21, wherein said fine, loose particles space said first disk from said second disk.

Claim 24 (canceled)

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Claim 25 (currently amended): The combination recited in claim [[24]] 21, wherein said inorganic material is calcium carbonate.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The combination recited in claim [[24]] 21, wherein said inorganic material is selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium magnesium carbonate, calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium borate, magnesium oxide, magnesium phosphate, and clay.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The combination recited in claim 21, wherein said powder is a mineral powder.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The combination recited in claim 21, wherein said fine, loose particles have a grain size greater than about 150 mesh.

Claim 29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (previously presented): The combination recited in claim 8, wherein said powder has a grain size of less than about 300 mesh.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The combination recited in claim 30, wherein said powder has a grain size of about 200 mesh.

Claim 32-33 (canceled)

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Claim 34 (previously presented): The combination recited in claim 28, wherein said particles have a grain size of less than about 300 mesh.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The combination recited in claim 34, wherein said particles have a grain size of about 200 mesh.

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